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Formosa Straits - Economic - Transportation and Logistics1. Significant Road and Bridge Construction in Loyuan and Santuao Bay Region
(Info Date -- 5 May 1955)

Aerial photography of 5 May^{1/} discloses that the Chinese Communists are constructing a bridge across the river at Loyuan which appears to be more than half completed. It is apparent that considerable priority has been attached to construction of the bridge, which is over 500 feet long. ~~Since 8 April,~~ photography of the bridge site ~~did~~ not show any signs of bridge construction. The recently completed road from Foochow to Loyuan has been extended east from the bridge site to a beaching area on the north shore of Loyuan Bay and is now being further extended north across the peninsula to a beaching site on the south shore of Santuao Bay. Moreover, photography of 14 May^{2/} shows that a road is being constructed from Huang Chi on Peiling Peninsula, across the peninsula to the south shore of Loyuan Bay.

Both Santuao Bay and Loyuan Bay are considered likely staging areas both for amphibious operations and for supply movements into the Peiling and Foochow areas. Considerable evidence of such a supply activity has already been reported. The road across Peiling Peninsula from Loyuan Bay provides a less vulnerable means of access to Chinese Communist positions on Peiling Peninsula. The only other means of access would be by small craft moving into beaching areas served by access roads located on the south shore of the peninsula, directly opposite the Chinese Nationalist positions on the Matsus. The bridge at Loyuan, which should be completed within another month at the present rate of construction, will remove the greatest bottleneck to heavy truck traffic between Foochow and these potentially important staging areas.

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2. New Bridge at Nanning on Shangjao-Amoy Route
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Photography discloses the near completion of a new permanent-type bridge crossing the Sha Chi (river) at Nanning on the Shangjao-Nanning-Yungan-Amoy motor route.^{1/} This bridge is a two-way structure, with at least one-way traffic now possible.

The completion of this bridge replaces the last ferry crossing on the Shangjao-Amoy road and greatly increases the through capacity of the route. This road, connecting the Fukien coastal area with the Hangchow-Changsha railroad would be of primary logistic importance in the event of a large-scale military campaign in East China.

Source: ^{1/} Photography available in Washington.

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